

Message Text

PAGE 01 RABAT 04654 111611Z

43

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CCO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 DODE-00 CIAE-00

USSS-00 NSAE-00 /026 W

----- 075885

O P 111550Z OCT 73

FM AMEMBASSY RABAT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 337

INFO USINT ALGIERS PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY TUNIS PRIORITY

AMCONSUL CASABLANCA PRIORITY

AMCONSUL TANGIER PRIORITY

S E C R E T RABAT 4654

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR

SUBJECT: SAFETY OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

REF: STATE 201367

1. MOROCCO REMAINS CALM SO FAR AND THERE HAS BEEN ONLY ONE OVERTLY AND CLEARLY ANTI-AMERICAN INCIDENT THAT WE ARE AWARE OF. IT CONSISTED OF UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL YELLING IMPRECATIONS AT UNITED STATES IN FRONT OF MARINE NCOIC'S QUARTERS. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL INCIDENTS INVOLVING OUR JEWISH EMPLOYEES, HOWEVER, INDICATING LATENT TENSIONS WHICH COMING TO SURFACE. ONE OF THEM, FOR INSTANCE, WAS INFORMED BY FRIENDLY POLICEMAN TO EXPECT UNPLEASANT INCIDENTS IN MELLAH (JEWISH QUARTER) WHEN EXTENT OF MOROCCAN CASUALTIES BECOMES KNOWN.

2. BASIC HOSTILITY TO OUR NEAR EASTERN POLICY, WHICH USUALLY MUTED HERE, BECOMING INCREASINGLY VOCAL IN PRESS AND ON TELEVISION AND TONE OF SUCH COMMENTS HAS GOTTEN SHRILLER WITH REPORTS THAT USG IS PLANNING RESUPPLY ISRAEL WITH MILITARY EQUIPMENT. FRONT PAGE STORY THIS
SECRET

PAGE 02 RABAT 04654 111611Z

MORNING, FOR INSTANCE, IS REPORT FROM NORFOLK ABOUT LOADING OF ISRAELI 707'S WITH SPARROW AND SIDEWINDER MISSILES. NEVERTHELESS, AT MOMENT MOROCCANS SO PLEASED WITH SHOWING OF ARAB TROOPS AGAINST ISRAELIS THAT WE

DO NOT FEEL SAFETY OF AMERICANS PRESENTLY THREATENED.

3. SITUATION MAY CHANGE RADICALLY, HOWEVER, IF ISRAELIS PULL THEMSELVES TOGETHER AND TROUNCE ARABS. MAY ALSO CHANGE IF USG UNDERTAKE MASSIVE AIRLIFT OF MATERIEL, OR BEGINS FLY IN NEW PHANTOMS, OR TAKES POSITION TOO FAVORABLE TO ISRAEL IN UN. WE RESONABLY CONFIDENT GOM WILL DO BEST TO PROTECT MISSION AND INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN CITIZENS, WHATEVER HAPPENS, BUT DANGER IS ISOLATED ATTACK AGAINST US BY EXCITED EXTREMISTS OF ONE SORT OR ANOTHER, OR OF A DEMONSTRATION WHICH GETS OUT OF HAND.

4. WHILE OUR BEST JUDGEMENT IS THAT THERE WILL BE NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS HERE AND THAT EVACUATION WILL NOT BE NECESSARY, FOR OUR FORWARD PLANNING WOULD BE USEFUL DECIDE TWO QUESTIONS NOW: (1) WHAT IS OUR SAFE HAVEN? WE WOULD SUGGEST SPAIN, WITH PORTUGAL AND FRANCE AS ALTERNATES. (2) WHO SHOULD BE PROTECTING POWER IN REMOTE EVENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BROKEN? THIS QUESTION MAY SEEM PREMATURE, BUT I REMEMBER HOW RATEFUL WE ALL WERE THAT WE HAD GIVEN TIMELY CONSIDERATION TO PROBLEM IN CAIRO IN 1967. IDEALLY, POWER SHOULD BE ONE HAVING NO CONTENTIOUS ISSUES IN ITS RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO OR WITH US AND HAVING MANPOWER TO PERFORM PROTECTION FUNCTION. SAHARA ISSUE RULES OUT SPANISH IN OUR VIEW. COLONIAL REMNANTS DO SAME FOR FRENCH. DUTCH AND BELGIANS ACCEPTABLE. NORWEGIANS AND SWISS ALSO POSSIBILITIES. OUR PREFERRED CHOICE, HOWEVER, WOULD BE BRITISH, PROVIDING THEY NOT TARRERED WITH SAME BRUSH WE ARE THIS TIME. THEY ARE BEST STAFFED TO MEET DEMANDS OF PROTECTING POWER FUNCTION AND WE COULD COUNT ON THEIR BEING FAIRLY RELAXED ABOUT PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS WHICH HAVE OCCASIONALLY BOTHERED US ELSEWHERE. SECOND HCHOICE WOULD BE BELGIANS. THEY WOULD HAVE TO INCREASE STAFF, BUT WE HAVE VERY GOOD WORKING RELATIONS WITH THEM. DUTCH THIRD CHOICE.

PARKER

SECRET

PAGE 03 RABAT 04654 111611Z

SECRET

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 11 MAY 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 OCT 1973
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973RABAT04654
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: P750018-1029
From: RABAT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731065/abqcegsh.tel
Line Count: 97
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: STATE 201367
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 DEC 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13-Dec-2001 by thigpegh>; APPROVED <03-Jan-2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SAFETY OF AMERICAN CITIZENS
TAGS: AEMR, US, MO
To: STATE INFO ALGIERS
TUNIS
CASABLANCA
TANGIER
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005